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Office of the Secretariat  
Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
Three Lafayette Centre  
1155 21st Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20581

Re: Certification: New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc.  
Submission #05.211 (Listing of Additional Strike Prices for the  
Gold, Copper, Natural Gas, Crude Oil, Heating Oil, Unleaded Gasoline  
and Related Calendar Spread Option Contracts)

Dear CFTC Commissioners:

Pursuant to COMEX Rule 15.03(c), COMEX Rule 17.04 and NYMEX Rule 300.20, the President of the New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("Exchange") has directed that additional strike prices be added for certain contract months in the Gold, Copper, Natural Gas, Crude Oil, Heating Oil, Unleaded Gasoline and related Calendar Spread option contracts as detailed below:

- (A) On November 17, 2005, the Exchange added a call and a put:
1. at the strike prices of 12750, 13400 and 19900 for the March 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;
  2. at the strike price of 10450 for the June 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;
  3. at the strike price of 10400 for the September 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;
  4. at the strike price of 35000 for the April 2006 contract month of the Unleaded Gasoline option contract;
  5. at the strike price of 145 for the December 2006 contract month of the WTI Crude Oil Twelve month Calendar Spread option contract;

(B) On November 18, 2005, the Exchange added a call and a put:

6. at the strike prices of 515 and 545 for the January 2006 contract month of the Gold option contract;

7. at the strike price of -300 for the January 2006 contract month of the Heating Oil One month Calendars Spread option contract;

8. at the strike price of -65 for the January 2006 contract month of the WTI Crude Oil One month Calendar Spread option contract;

9. at the strike price of 29200 for the March 2006 contract month of the Heating Oil option contract;

10. at the strike price of 400 for the July 2006 contract month of the Copper option contract;

11. at the strike price of 12200 for the August 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

12. at the strike price of 550 for the June 2007 contract month of the Gold option contract;

(C) On November 21, 2005, the Exchange added a call and a put:

13. at the strike price of 385 for the April 2006 contract month of the Gold option contract;

14. at the strike price of 8600 for the June 2006 contract month of the Crude Oil option contract; and

15. at the strike price of 14000 for the October 2007 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract.

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Pursuant to the terms of COMEX Rule 15.03(c), COMEX Rule 17.04 and NYMEX Rule 300.20, the strike prices noted above are in increments that are consistent with the pricing for the underlying futures contract. COMEX Rule 15.03(c), COMEX Rule 17.04 and NYMEX Rule 300.20 permit such directed strike prices to be effective upon adoption, provided that notice to the CFTC is given within three business days of the strike price listing.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact the undersigned at (212) 299-2207.

Very truly yours,

Brian Regan  
Vice President & Counsel

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George Henderson  
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